

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A computer comprising:

means for reproducing audio data;

a switch configured to instruct audio data

5 reproduction;

means for activating the computer by operation of said switch when the computer is powered off, is in a standby state, and in a pause state; and

control means for detecting an activation factor
10 during computer activation, and, if the activation factor is due to operation of said switch, initiating said reproducing means.

2. The computer according to claim 1, wherein

said reproducing means comprises first reproducing
15 means for reproducing audio data stored in an optical disk medium and second reproducing means for reproducing audio data stored in a hard disk,

said switch comprises a selection switch which selects one of the optical disk medium and hard disk,
20 and

said control means comprises an initiation section which initiates one of the first and second reproducing means in accordance with a selection made by said selection switch.

25 3. The computer according to claim 1, wherein

said computer comprises a main body that incorporates said reproducing means and a display

section openably mounted on said main body, and wherein,
said switch is provided at a portion of a surface
of said main body to be exposed even while said display
section closes said main body.

5 4. The computer according to claim 1, wherein
said reproducing means comprises means for
reproducing audio data in accordance with a play list
for specifying a reproduction order of audio data, and
means for acquiring identification information on audio
10 data that has been reproduced immediately before, at
the end of reproduction operation, and storing the
acquired identification information at the start of a
next reproduction, and

wherein said control means comprises means for
15 starting reproduction from audio data according to the
stored identification information.

5. The computer according to claim 4, wherein
said reproducing means comprises first reproducing
means for reproducing audio data stored in an optical
20 disk medium and second reproducing means for
reproducing audio data stored in a hard disk,

said switch comprises a selection switch which
selects one of the optical disk medium and hard disk,
and

25 said control means comprises an initiation section
which initiates said second reproducing means when said
selection switch selects the hard disk, and starts

reproduction from audio data according to the stored
identification information.